THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Tuesday, 16th March 1954.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

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I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Celebration of Independence Day in 1953.

* 174 *Q*.—SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN (on behalf of SRI K. Aranganathan) : Will the Honn the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of public money spent on tiffin and drinks to celebrate the Independence Day in 1953 at Madras; and

(*b*) the directions of the Central Government in regard to the expenditure to be incurred in connexion with the celebration of Independence Day on 15th August 1953 to the State Government?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) A sum of Rs. 75 was spent on the refreshments account.

" (*b*) No special directions were issued by the Central Government."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA-AYYAR :—" Has the amount been spent for drinks and tiffin by way of poor feeding on that day? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I say ' drinks ', Sir, not in the technical sense in which it is sometimes used. They were soft drinks like soda and sweet drinks, which were served to the guests who were present at the time of the function."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" சுதந்திர தினத்தன்று சென்னை ராஜ்யத்திலிருக்கின்ற வெள்ளைக்காரர்களுடைய சிலைகளுக்கெல்லாம் வர்ணம் பூசுவதற்கு எவ்வளவு செலவாயிற்று ? அவர்களுக்குப் போடப்பட்ட மாலைகளுக்காக எவ்வளவு செலவாயிற்று ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" கனம் அங்கத்தினர் கேட்கும் உப கேள்வி மாலைகளைப்பற்றியது. ஆனால் பிரதானக் கேள்வி சிற்றுண்டி, பானங்கள், இவைகளுக்காக செலவழிக்கப்பட்ட தொகையைப்பற்றியது. ஆகையால், கனம் அங்கத்தினர் இதற்குத் தனி கேள்வி போடவேண்டும்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I may tell the hon. Member that on the 15th August 1953, no amount was spent for the purpose mentioned by him."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Anyway, would the Hon. Minister be pleased to earmark sums for poor feeding on the Independence Day because that would be a much better demonstration? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, poor feeding is done by private citizens. I think we should encourage them rather than the Government taking it up."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Without spending any amount on that day, how else was the Independence Day celebrated on the 15th August 1953? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is already stated that Rs. 75 was spent by the Government on that day. We shall now pass on to the next question."

Import of pulavu rice.

* 175 *Q.*—SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the special quality of pulavu rice is being imported into the State either by Government Agency or by private persons or firms; and

(*b*) the stock of pulavu rice available in Madras now?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Are the Government aware that pulavu rice is a necessity for Muslims for celebrating their marriages as well as for their feasts on funeral days and if so will the Government consider the desirability of importing pulavu rice? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am glad the hon. Member has taken up the cause of Muslims. So far, I have not received any representation from any individual Muslim or Muslim organizations stating that pulavu rice is necessary for them for such purposes."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" இன்றைக்கு அம்மாதிரியான காரியங்களுக்கு 'புலவு அரிசி' உபயோகிக்கப்படுகிறது. அந்த அரிசி எங்கிருந்து வருகிறது என்று சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Locally also, a certain kind of pulavu rice is grown. I know, at Udamalpet, it is grown and it is quite popular."

Implementation of awards of Industrial Tribunals in regard to hotel workers.

* 176 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state what steps the Government propose to take to protect the workers in hotels from the action of the hotel owners in changing the names of their hotels or shifting them to other places with new names so as to avoid implementing the awards of the various Industrial Tribunals given in favour of the workers and to enforce the awards?